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1. SUMMARY. CALL ON CZECH DCM HAS ADDED LITTLE TO PUBLIC
RECORD OR REFTEL ACCOUNT OF HUSAK JUNE 22-24 VISIT HERE.
HUSAK RECEIVED GOOD, BUT NOT UNUSUAL TREATMENT AND BOTH
SIDES STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED DELICATE SUBJECTS SUCH AS 1968
EVENTS AND EUROCOMMUNISM. AS FIRST OFFICIAL BILATERAL
STATE VISIT SINCE DUBCEK'S 1968 FALL, ITS PRIMARY
SIGNIFICANCE IS AS FURTHER EXAMPLE OF CEAUSESCU'S CLEAR
INTENTION TO NORMALIZE HIS RELATIONS WITH HIS WARSAW
PACT ALLIES THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY
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2. AS NOTED REFTEL, CZECH VISIT FOLLOWED NOW FAMILIAR
PATTERN OF OTHER RECENT CEAUSESCU EE VISITS. CZECH
DCM HAS COMMENTED THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO MENTION OF
WELL-KNOWN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, NEITHER
WERE ANY OPINIONS CHANGED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT HUSAK
AND CEAUSESCU SPENT VERY LITTLE TIME TOGETHER (ABOUT

TEN-FIFTEEN MINUTES) IN CONTRAST TO CEAUSESCU'S POLISH TRIP WHERE GIEREK AND CEAUSESCU HAD LENGTHY TETE-A-TETE. BILAK HAD NO SPEARATE MEETINGS WITH HIS ROMANIAN COUNTER-PARTS AND SUBJECT OF EUROCOMMUNISM WAS NOT RAISED.

3. ONLY OZ #

IQUE REFERENCE TO 1968 PROBLEMS OF FAILURE OF JOINT DECLARATION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAST FRIENDSHIP TREATY, WHICH HAS BEEN STANDARD IN ALL OTHER SUCH DOCUMENTS GOR HAS SIGNED WITH EE'S. IN THIS INSTANCE, HOWEVER, ROMANIAN-CZECH TREATY HAD BEEN SIGNED WITH DUBCEK JUST PRIOR TO HIS 1968 FALL. OTHERWISE, CZECHS GOT STANDARD ROMANIAN RED-CARPET TREATMENT. INTERESTINGLY, THIS IS ALSO FIRST EE DECLARATION TO CONTAIN A REFERENCE TO BALKANS, A TOP ROMANIAN PRIORITY. CZECH DCM SAID SUBJECT WAS OF LITTLE CONCERN TO GOC WHICH FELT NO NEED TO OPPOSE ROMANIAN DESIRE TO INCLUDE IT. HE INDICATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE DIFFICULTY NEGOTIATING JOINT DECLARATION, GIVEN OTHER EE MODELS AND RELATIVE LACK OF SUBSTANCE. NO SPECIFIC IDEOLOGICAL ACCORD WAS SIGNED, BUT PARTY VISITS AND EXCHANGES WILL INCREASE.

4. AREAS OF MOST BILATERAL ECONOMIC INTEREST WERE HEAVY MACHINERY AND CHEMICALS. CZECH DCM SAID THAT, AS RESULT OF VISIT, NUMBER OF BILATERAL COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS HAS GROWN FROM 13 TO 17. CURRENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FYP TRADE VOLUME IS 563 MILLION RUBLES WHICH REPRESENTS 54 PERCENT INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS PLANNINF FIGURES FOR 1970-75 FYP, BUT ONLY 40 PERCENT INCREASE OVER ACTUAL RESULTS. ROMANIANS APPARENTLY ASKED FOR MORE COKING COAL, BUT ONLY GOT PROMISE OF IMPROVED QUALITY NOT QUANTITY. AS EXAMPLES OF ITEMS SOMETIMES BILATERALLY DENOMINATED IN HARD CURRENTY AMOUNTS (BUT HARDLY EVER SETTLED THAT WAY) CZECH DCM MENTIONED ROMANIAN CORN AND PETROCHEMICALS AND CZECH COKING COAL AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

5. COMMENT: ON THIS CURRENT ROUND OF EE VISITS (CEAUSESCU WILL ALSO GO TO SOFIA IN SEPTEMBER AND THEN HOLD A FRONTIER VISIT WITH TITI) CEAUSESCU HAS SAVED MOST DIFFICULT JOURNEYS FOR LAST. SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTEDLY, THERE APPEARED TO BE A MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION WITH HUNGARIANS ON ALWAYS TROUBLESOME MINORITY ISSUE. HOWEVER, CZECH VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE PRODUCED NO MORE THAN AN AGREEMENT, NOT TO FORGET, BUT SIMPLY TO PUT ASIDE PAST DIFFERENCES AND PROCEED FROM THERE TO WHATEVER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COOPERATION IS MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS.

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